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The story so far...

In junior high, Ai Maekawa was a prei girl – a plain, nerdy wallflower who never attracted anyone's attention. She vowed to change all that, so in hopes of getting a fresh start, she made herself over into a slender, gorgeous babe before entering high school. Though Ai has achieved her dream of becoming beautiful, she's still adjusting to the delights and hazards of her new life, including her budding (and already rocky) relationship with dashing classmate, Sō. Just as Ai is beginning to feel comfortable in her role as Sō's girlfriend, she learns the shocking truth that she's only one of several women on Sō's social calendar. In fact, Sō has a total of four girlfriends, the most leechy and competitive of whom is a stunningly attractive college student named Ryouka. Ai and Ryouka start battling over Sō, and when Sō ends things with Ryouka it seems that Ai has triumphed. But after seeing Sō treat Ryouka carelessly, Ai sympathizes with Ryouka and worries that Sō is cold toward all his girlfriends, so she breaks up with him. It doesn't last long, however, because Ai finds out that Sō actually ditched all his other girls in favor of her! Once they're back together, Ai looks for ways to become closer to Sō, including ingratiating herself with Sō's mother, who is mysteriously cruel to both Sō and Ai. Ai ends up accidentally cornering Sō's mom into revealing a dark family secret – that Sō is the product of an affair between his mother and another man. Though her husband has forgiven the indiscretion and embraces Sō as his own child, Sō's mother considers her son's existence to be an eternal source of pain and shame. When Ai hears the secret, she cries at the thought of how difficult it must have been for Sō to grow up with a mother whose love was withheld. Sō is touched to see Ai's tears, and they share their first kiss.



Ai Maekawa

Ai, our heroine, is still getting used to life as a popular girl.



Sō Ichinose

Cool and aloof Sō is now Ai's boyfriend.



Yūichirō Kato

Ruckus, Sō's best friend since primary school, secretly pines for Ai.



Mina Sato

Ai's best friend! Mina, a trendy, super-ban Ko-Gal, is madly in love with Yūichirō.

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Chapter 14



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I remember suffering from horrible headaches while I was working on this part. It turns out all kinds of things go wrong if you don't sleep for several days in a row. Another great mystery of the human body... solved!!









YOU TWO ARE SO YAWN!
LET'S GET TO CLASS.

W-WH-
ARE
NOT!



WHAT
ARE
THEY
DOING?

I
DON'T
LIKE
THIS.

DAT DAT

↑
He won't
stand. He was lost.

SPRING IS THE
SEASON OF
NEW BEGINNINGS.
WHEN THE
FRESH IS MORE
APPEALING THAN
THE FAMILIAR.



ESPECIALLY
WHEN THEY'RE
NERVE
AND
EAGER.

27HR

EEE!



OH!
THEY'RE
SO HOT!



I HEARD
THEY
WERE
IN A
MAGA-
ZINE!

THEY'RE
SO HOT!

MY
FRIEND
TOLD
ME THEY
WERE
HOT...
AND SHE
WAS
RIGHT!

IT'S
THEY
JOSHUA
AND
KATO!



BUT IT'S
ONLY
NOW
WE
PROTECT
WHAT'S
OURS!

THE
FRESH
MEAT
DIS-
TRACTED
US.

I
FORGOT
HOW
CHARM-
ING HE
CAN BE.
NOW I
REMEM-
BER MY
FIRST DAY.

THE
FRESH
MEAT
DIS-
TRACTED
US.



HEY



WITH THE
ARRIVAL
OF
SPRING,
SO'S
INSTINCT
TO BE
A GOOD
HOST IS
AWAKENED!



EPA

OOH...

Beautiful...

Beautiful...



RIGHT, A-AL-

And I've got this on my mind...

...YOU BETTER WATCH YOUR MOUTH! SO CHAN'S GIRLFRIEND IS RIGHT HERE! ...



I WORKED INCREDIBLY HARD TO BECOME SO-KUN'S GIRLFRIEND! I AM NOT JUST GOING TO HAND HIM OVER!!



Perhaps you could try that!

I FELT THAT SAME WAY BACK IN JUNIOR HIGH.

Hierarchy of Women



SOMETIMES WOMEN ARE EVEN MORE SCARED TO ATTRACT MEN'S ATTENTION.

THIS IS BECAUSE WOMEN EXPERIENCE MORE DISCRIMINATION BASED ON THEIR LOOKS.



Seppai is a title given to someone older, of higher social status, or academically superior.







I HAVE ALL
THE LATEST
WEAPONS IN
MY ARSENAL
OF BEAUTY.
PLEASE!
LET ME
HELP YOU.



YOU THINK
YOU CAN
RELIEF JUST
BECAUSE
YOU'RE YOUNG?
EFFORT
MUST BE
MADE TO
MAINTAIN
BEAUTY AT
ANY AGE.



NOW, NOW, DASH-
UNDA, THERE IS
NO NEED TO BE
AFRAID. I AM NOT
INTO HIGH-
PRESSURE SALES.
ONLY, I THINK OF
ME AS A 'BEAUTY
ADVISER'.



SORRY
FOR
BROKE
IT

DASH

WAIT
!!

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Special Bonus Quiz

Are you
a Snake
Strawberry?

"Snake
Strawberries"
are fruits that
birds won't even
peck at.

Let's find out if
you're a yummy
Strawberry-chan
or a Snake
Strawberry!!

Question #1





PAGE 1

WHY WOULD SO-KUN WANT TO DATE SOMEONE LIKE ME...?

HE HAS NO PROBLEM GETTING GIRLS, AND WE'VE NEVER DONE MORE THAN KISS...

I want to be his girlfriend...

HE'S BORED

PAGE 2

PAGE 3

GIRLS ARE EVERYWHERE YOU'RE SOOT!!

I AM NOT THE GIRL, I AM BEFORE!!

?

PAGE 4

WADDU!!

PAGE 5

YOU KNOW THE ONE WHO'S BORING TO BE A VESPA UNTIL SHE'S HOT!

WEE-WAAA?

BE OUR CLASSMATE I CAN'T PICTURE HERE

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WADDU!!

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WADDU!!

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WADDU!!

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THESE

1997

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WADDU

1. **THESE**
 2. **THESE**
 3. **THESE**
 4. **THESE**
 5. **THESE**

YOU
KNOW
THE ONE
WHO'S
GROWING
UP IN A
MIDWEST
CITY?
HE'S
1982

100

1000



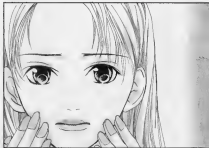
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BUT THIS
 LOTION
 WAS
 DEVELOPED BY
 PIERRE

PROFESSOR
OF
COMPUTER
SCIENCE



...
MORE
...
MORE
...
MORE
...
I ALWAYS
WANTED
TO BE
MORE
BEAUTIFUL
...







SPRING IS THE
SEASON...
FOR
TOTAL TRANSFOR-
MATION.

HA-HA
YOU'VE
GOTTA
TRY
HARDER!

HOSTILE



_I HAVE
BEEN
COSMETIC-
ALLY
REBORN!



MINA'S
WHITE
...!!

M-
MINA
SATO
?!













ARRRRGH!
I TOTALLY
FORGOT
WE HAD
TO DO
THIS!

The
really
soon!

Here!
Take me
and go
soon.

ORIENTA-
TION IS
ABOUT
TO BEGIN.
FRESHMEN,
PLEASE
HEAD TO
THE GYM.

SOON

SOON

SOON

Speak
up.

AA
AA
AA
Take
me
soon!

SO
WHAT?
I'D TAKE
HER EVEN
IF SHE
WAS A
SHORT!

HEY!
THAT'S
THE A
SHAWNAW!
SO IS ONE
FRIEND
AND THE
UNDERST
SPEAK...

I'LL DO
THESE...
WHY
DON'T
YOU DO
HOWEVER?

WHAT?
BUT...

HUH?

GRAB



HE'S
USUALLY
SO PLAY-
FUL...
IS HE
UPSET?



SEE... YOU ARE MAD.

HAY! NO.

CALM! I SWEAR-
RAISED YOU IN
FRONT OF THE
FRESH-PEEL.

A ARE
YOU
MAD?



SHE
SURE IS
HIGH-
MAINTEN-
ANCE. HURL.

SEE!

I'M NOT
MAD... BUT IF
YOU DON'T
STOP, I WILL
BE!



AND I'M TRYING TO FORCE IT...

HE'S BORED WITH ME...

OH NO! NOW I'M TRYING TOO HARD AND I'M MAKING IT WORSE!

and what was I thinking?

I LIKE HAND-OUTS... I'M PRACTICALLY A SOCIALIST!

HE'S

IT'S OKAY, I'LL DO IT.

TUG



SHALL WE?

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'LL BE TOO HARD TO STEAL HIM AWAY...



OH, YES! GUYS LIKE HIM OFTEN FIND FLAIN GALS LIKE US REFRESHING, YOU KNOW.

SHALL WE?



I HAVEN'T CHANGED, I'M STILL A SIMPLE, UGLY GIRL WITH NO SELF-CONFIDENCE.



BEHOLD, PRETTY GIRLS ARE LATE! THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT HARDER REALLY IS.

THE HARDER I TRY, THE WORSE IT GETS.

CONFIDENTIAL
REFORMATION



PEOPLE
WHO BRAG
ABOUT
BEING UGLY
STAY THAT
WAY FOR
THE REST
OF THEIR
LIVES!

YOU
THINK
YOU CAN
TAKE
HIM? GO
AHEAD
AND
TRY.



I DID ALL THIS WHILE YOU WERE SITTING AROUND WAITING FOR GOOD FORTUNE TO FALL IN YOUR LAP!!



THAT'S LIKE HIGH-ANGLES, BUT THE SCULPTOR WHEEL GETS THE ORIGINAL.

AND I'VE FOUGHT TOO HARD TO GO BACK NOW.

LADY!! YOU THINK I JUST WORE UP LIKE THIS ONE DAY? I USED TO BE PLAIN, AND I BUSTED MY BUTT TO GET WHERE I AM.

SILENCE



...AM I DOING ...?

WHAT



AAAH, STAY BACK !!

THROW YOUR BODY DOWN WITH US!!

YOU ARE A GOOD-DEED !!

AL, WE WERE WRONG !!



OK, ALL







NO
WAY -

SHOON-
HAG -

CAN'T
DO IT
ANY
MORE.



THE
FINDER
OF
THE
LOST
SHEEP
UNDER
THE
MOUNTAIN
RANGE?

LET'S
GO
UNDER
THE
MOUNTAIN
RANGE!

NOW
HE'S
NOT
AFTER
SEX?

MAYBE
HIS
MOM
IS
TO
BLAME...
I
DUNNO...
BUT
SO'S
NEVER
FALLEN
IN
LOVE
BEFORE.



BUT
STILL
-

HEAT
THAT
MOM
HASN'T
EVEN
FOUNDED
OUT
WHAT'S
HAPPENED
TO
HER
YET...

SIGH...





MAYBE
IT'S
NOT
TOO
LATE?



THE NEW SCHOOL
YEAR HAS BRINGS
AND YOUNG MEN'S
HEALTH AND
COMPLICATED
THINGS. NOT EVEN
YOUR MOTHER
AUTHORITARIAN
WANT THE FUTURE
BRASS.

THERE'S
A
STORM
IN THE
AIR.

What?
They got
them cake!

They
are
not!

TU-CHAN,
LOOK
CHERRY
BLOSSOMS
ARE
BOWING!

WU-CHAN

CHERRY

JAPANESE PEOPLE CELEBRATE
THE ARRIVAL OF CHERRY
BLOSSOMS IN THE SPRING
WITH "HANAMI" --
VIEWING PARTIES
UNDER BLOOMING TREES.



double!!!

Chapter 15

WHY
AM
I SO
UN-
LUCKY

I'M IN
LOVE
WITH
MY
FRIEND'S
GIRL -
FRIEND



FOR A
BLANK
THOUS
DOLLAR
HAVE
HUNTED
ARE...

...WHILE
THOSE
TWO
DEMONS
CATCH
EVERY
OPPORTUNITY

I'M YUICHIRO
KATO. 16
YEARS OLD...

...AND
ALREADY
EXHAUSTED
BY LIFE.





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MORNING
ALREADY,
AND I'M
TODD TRYING
TO OPEN
MY EYES.



I'M COM-
MENCED
THERE'S
A SPECIAL
SUPER-
GRANTY AT
MORNING
MY BED

Every
morning—



Chapter 15



This chapter was *incredibly* difficult for me. The only part I was prepared to write was the intro, so after that I was in big trouble. I revised and revised... without being asked to do so. Oh, and because Yachiru is the main focus, we had to point her hair over and over... very tedious. I remember complaining often.



WHAT'S
GOING
ON?



WHAT
THE
—?

WHAT
WHAT
IS IT?



BE QUIET, CHAT!
THERE'S NO POINT IN MAKING A FUSS...

ER...
UM...

And...
I need a drink.

AND A NAKED
WOMAN!
(AN OLDER
WOMAN,
EVEN)



A STRANGER'S
BEDROOM,
WITH A GOOD
MATTRESS
AND AIR
CONDITION-
ING...



HEH...

THANKS
FOR ALL
THE FUN
LAST
NIGHT,
BABE...

THE
DEED
IS
ALREADY
DONE...



FOR REAL?



YOUR
NOW
KEPT
CALLING
ME
TRYING
TO FIND
YOU...

WHERE
WERE
YOU
LAST
NIGHT?



WHAT'S
WRONG
?



I CAN'T
LOOK
HER IN
THE
EYES...



WHAT
ARE
YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

LEAVE ME
ALONE...
I DON'T
KNOW
WHO I AM
RIGHT NOW,
ORAT? AND
I DON'T
Wanna
KNOW...

GLOOM





SO-KUN,
HAVE
YOU
NO
SHAME?

BY
THE
WAY
—

THAT
KIND OF
PROFES-
SIONAL
PERFOR-
MANCE
WOULD
TOTALLY
TURN ME
OFF.

"YOU
RIGHT
THERE,
BABY!"
♡



KNOWLEDGE
OF
YOUR
BUSI-
NESS!

IT SAYS
HERE THE
AVERAGE
AGE FOR
A GUY'S
FIRST
TIME IS
17.8



...WHY
HAVEN'T
YOU
TWO
DONE
IT YET?

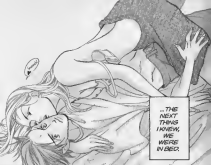


17.8
YEARS
OLD
?!

WINGS
OF
ANGEL







...THE
NEXT
THING
I KNOW,
WE
WERE
IN BED!



...
LUL?

DO
YOU
MIND
—



—
WOULD
DAVE
COM-
PLAIN?

WHAT
DID
—





SOMETIMES
PEOPLE HAVE
SEX WITHOUT
LOVE,
AND THAT
WAS THE
SITUATION
WITH
RICHARD'S
FIRST TIME.



"MEN OF
PEOPLE
HAVE
AND/OR
ABOUT IT
BUT AFTER
WARDS
DENIED
IT AS NO
BIG DEAL."

(According
to the
comic,
Richard)

YOU'VE
GOTTA
DO
BETTER
IN THE
ONLY
ONLY
REALLY
"





ARE YOU
CRAY? YOU'RE
ACTING WEIRD?

I WAS
HOPING
WE COULD
ALL WALK
HOME
TOGETHER.

UHL, YEAH.



YOU'RE
GOING
HOME?



WITCH

HOW
CAN
I ACT
NOR-
MAL?



WHAT
IF
SHE
COM-
PARES
US
?!

WE
WERE
DRINK
BUT IT'S
DIFFICULT
AND TO
FIGHT
SÔ'S
LEFT-
OVERS.

BOTH
OF YOU
ARE SO
YOUNG.
BUT YOU'RE
NOT YOUR
DIFFERENCES.



**AFTER
ALL
KYOKA
IS SÔ'S
EX-
GIRLFRIEND
!!**















...AND NOW
MAYBE
AFTER HE'S
SHOWN
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
HE'D
PROMISE
TO CARE
FOR ME
WHEN HE
ONLY DID
IT ONCE...

GOOD
LOOKS,
GOOD
PERSON-
ALITY...



OH...
LIKE
THAT



HE'S IN LOVE
WITH AI
KAWA,
TOO...
I COULD
TELL!

I'M
NOT
EVEN
COMING
SO TO
HER
MOM!

...ARE
JUST
BEGGING
TO BE
TOR-
TURED!



YOU
SWELL.



SWELL
LIKE A
WOMAN,
HUH?



HEY!
GET
OFF
OF ME!

WHAT
IS
THAT?



IT WASN'T LIKE THAT



IT TOOK GUTS BACK IN THE DAY... BUT TODAY? WELL, DO THE BEST YOU CAN!







WHAT? HEAVY.
I'M
IN MY
LAP-FOUR

OH, FINE
MESSAGE
MY
SHOULD-
ERS,
THAT? I'M
HUNGRY,
TOO.



HEY!
BE A
FUCK OF
CIG-
ARETTES.
WILL
YOU?



HEY!



ERR

AN
SO'S
SUBSTI-
TUTE
?



I'M
GOING
SHOP-
PING
TODAY.
CAN YOU
COME?

HEAVEN-
BEN, YOU
SAID
YOU'D
TAKE
CARE
OF ME

YOU
CAN'T
DO
ANY
MORE

HEY!
HEAVY
THIS IS
NICE?



Are you a Snake Strawberry?

Question #2

True or false: When an ugly person tries to commiserate with me, it infuriates me.

"We"?! Don't include me!!

Isn't it sad we're so ugly?

She actually doesn't think she's good-looking, so it's weird that she's still annoyed...





YOU'LL NEVER GET THE MONEY YOU WANT BY ACTING ALL ASHEN!

INSTEAD OF JUST STANDING THERE DUMB-STUCK, WHY DON'T YOU BE HONEST, HUNT?



HONEST? YOU'RE SO HONEST YOU SCARE ME! AWAY!



WELL, YOU'RE WITH ME! AREN'T YOU? WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? NO WONDER YOU HAVE BAD LUCK WITH ME!

YOU ARE, TOO!! THAT YELL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY LINE WAS A CROCK!



CALL HIM UP!

WHAT?

PHONE THAT YOU'RE SINCERE ABOUT WANTING TO DATE ME.



GRIP



IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE CUTE ?!









I MEAN...
AFTER
ALL,
NOBODY'S
PERFECT.

I DON'T
MIND
BEING
TAKEN
ADVANTAGE
OF.



I
AM
TOTALLY
—

I AM
TOTALLY
—

...AND
I CAN'T
HELP
MYSELF.

...IN
LOVE
WITH
RICHARD-
SAN...

...IN
LOVE
WITH
AL-CHAN
—





ENOUGH!
I'VE
HAD
ENOUGH!







WELL, NOTHING WRONG
WITH BEING
HONEST
ABOUT
YOUR
LIST.



PURE
AS
THE
DRIVEN
HOT

THE
PURE
DESIRE
!!



KIKKA
WHISTLED
THOSE
WORDS
TOWARD
AS SHE
PASSED.

"JUST
TAKE
AWAY
FROM
HIM."

"TOM'S
ENOUGH
FOR
WANT
THAT
GIRL"
SHE
HEAR
HOURS."

SPRING
GARDEN
-
HAPPY
END AND
SUMMER
IS RIGHT
AROUND
THE
CORNER

LIFE IS
ALL OR
NOTHING
TAKE IT
OR LOSE
IT. LAND
SHIP
OR FALL
FLAT.

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Chapter 16



Chapter 16

This chapter was much easier than the others, so... I don't actually remember too much about it. I guess that's the way it goes...



IT'S NOT
LIKE I
EXPECTED
HER TO SAY
"YOU LOOK
LIKE A
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
PERSON"
OR
ANYTHING.
NOT
REALLY,
BUT...

she
stammered

NOT
AT
ALL.

SLURP



CHECK
OUT
THAT
GIRL!
SHE'S
CUTE!

BUT I DO
THINK
I'VE
CHANGED
SOME





COULD
THEY BE
ANY MORE
OBVIOUS?
THEY
WANT ME
SO BAD...



WHAAT?!

WHY
WHY ARE
YOU SO
SHOCKED?
HE'S ONLY
IN LOVE
WITH ME,
AS A
MATTER
OF FACT.



LOOK!
THEY'RE
STARING
AT ME
LIKE
HUNGRY
WOLVES!

OH!
IT
REALLY
IS!



WHERE
DID
SHE GET
THAT
CONFIDENCE?

ALL
I HAVE
A BOY-
FRIEND
NOW





PRETTY PLEASE!

ALL YOU
HAVE TO
DO IS TO
COME
WITH ME
TO THE
TRAIN
STATION.



WHY
DO YOU
NEED
EIGHTH
OF US?

SURE,
BUT
—

**SHE...
SHE
DID
IT BE-
FORE
ME
?!**



ALL... ALL
THAT YOU TO
MEET DON'T
TOMORROW
DAY...?

**G
R
A
B**

YEAH,
AND WHY
NOT ME?



GOOD,
NOW IT'S
PERFECT...

BYA
WAY, REMEMBER
AN OLD-FASHIONED
GIRL...

I CAN'T
BELIEVE SHE CAN
BE DRESSED
WITH CLOTH-
SUITS IN
THIS AGE OF ABUN-
DANCE...



SEA, I
MEAN? DON'T
YOU HAVE
STORIES TO TELL
ME?

THOSE
ARE THE
YOU'RE
TALKING...



CINCH,
YOU'RE
MAKING
ME DO
ALL THE
TALKING!
WHAT
ABOUT
YOU, AH?

DE-
GRADE



HEH...

IN MY
CASE,
IT
TAKES
TWO...

OH, I'M
AFRAID
YOU'LL
LOOK
DOWN ON
ME SINCE
YOU'RE
SATISFIED
WITH ONE
MAN.



THE TALE THAT
UNFOLDED WAS
ONE OF LOVE
AND LUST,
TOO DIRTY
TO REPEAT
HERE.



REPEATING
EVERY A TORY
SHED EVERY
BISH TOLD,
AT TALKED
AND TALKED...
AND TALKED
SOME MORE!



WHAT'S
SHE
DONE
THIS
TIME?

I KNOW I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE
TOLD A LIE,
BUT...

I WAS
SO
DESPERATE!



AND
DON'T
YOU SHOW
ME THESE
TWO GUYS
THAT?



Are you a Snake Strawberry?

Question #3

Do you wear completely drab outfits, then pretend not to be home when the delivery man comes by?



DAVE DAVE

No one may see me in this outfit!



▼ WHEN long-sleeved T-shirt (extra-cute leggings)

↑ Draped wrap pants.







THE
ONE
WITH
BLACK
HAIR IS
BETTER.



I DON'T
KNOW
WHY I
FEEL
SO BAD...

DON'T
TALK TO
HER LIKE
THAT!

LOOK,
YOU
UPSET
HER!



WHAT
TOOK
YOU SO
LONG
IN THE
BATH-
ROOM?



GUNS
LIKE HER
ARE ALL
SHALLOW
PLAY-
BOYS!

WELL,
I DIDN'T
USED TO
LIKE GUYS
WHO
WERE
TOO COOL...

The anime club is
just a group of lonely people.



...BUT
STILL

IT'S THE SAME
KIND OF IDEA
AS "ALL
GORGEOUS
WOMEN
HAVE ONLY
PERVERSE
ALIBIS".



IS IT
BE-
CAUSE
SHE
DIDN'T
LIKE
SO
KIN
BEST











I DON'T
EXPECT
YOU TO
GIVE HER
TO ME...
I'M GOING
TO STEAL
HER FROM
YOU.



...OH
TEAM?



THE
BUTTONS
ABOUT TO
COME OFF!
WANT
ME TO
REWIT
ON FOR
YOU?

WHAT?



29HR



YOUR
SHIRT



WHAT WAS THAT?

NOTHING



SO KUN

"SEE WHAT A PERFECT WOMAN I AM?"

HEY HEY



YEAH, WELL... IT DOESN'T USUALLY GET THEIR ATTENTION THEY WANT

I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S STILL A WOMAN WHO CARRIES AROUND A SEWING KIT TO ADJUSTING HER DOMESTIC CHAIRS



I HAVE MY SEWING KIT BECAUSE WE HAD HOME EC YESTERDAY

FINE! LET HER FIX IT HERSELF.

OH, I'LL DO IT!



HMPH



YOU LITTLE BRATS

HMPH...





WHY WERE YOU LOOKING AT HIM?

... I WAS JUST ...

I WAS LOOKING AT FUCHIRO RUN AND I NOTICED THAT HIS BUTTON WAS COMING OFF, SO...

ARE YOU SERIOUS?



I CAN'T ANSWER THAT!

THAT DIDN'T HELP ...

GRAB



SO
WARM
NOW,
I FEEL
SO
LOVED



TOUCHED



IF I
WERENT
AROUND,
WOULD
YOU
DATE
YUICHIRO?



WHY DON'T YOU JUST
GET IT
OVER WITH?
THEN YOU
WOULDN'T HAVE
TO LIE.

IF YOU
DON'T DO
IT SURVIVE
YOUR
TEENAGE,
YOU'LL BE
BORING
SCHEDULE!

HUM



IS THIS
JUST
LEAD-
ING TO
SEX?!



WHOA!!

SLIP



OH NO.

NO WAY!



NO, NO, NO!
I'M
GOING
HOME!!



ZOONZ

LET GO

GRAB



I
CAN'T
DO
IT!!







UUL

WHY IS
MY LIFE
ALWAYS
LIKE
THIS...?

GAAH I WANT
TO COMPLAIN
TO SOME-
ONE, BUT
WHY? ANY-
THING I TELL
MINA WILL
SOON BE
BLASSED TO
EVERYONE...



HEY,
WHERE'S
A-M-I?



WHOOOSH



SLIDE

OVER A
DOUGH-
NUT?

she's
not a
doughnut

SHE
SAID
SHE'D
BUY
ME A
DOUGH-
NUT...

ANY-
ONE
KNOW
WHERE
A-M-I?

I'LL
KILL
HER IF
SHE
LIES!





IVE
BEEN
PLAYING
YOU.
COULDN'T
YOU
TELL?

YOUR
BOYFRIEND
IS SO
ICHINOSE,
AND THAT
OTHER GUY--
YUICHIRO
KATO--
IS JUST
A FRIEND
OF YOURS.



WHAT?



BLUSH

WHEN I
SAW YOU,
I REALIZED
SHE WAS
RIGHT. YOU'VE
TURNED
INTO A
COMPLETE
IDOT. SO
I DECIDED
TO WAKE
YOU UP.

WHAT...?
I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
MY FRIEND...

SHE SAID
YOU'D BEEN
ALL HAUGHTY
SINCE YOU
STARTED HIGH
SCHOOL...
I COULDN'T
BELIEVE SHE
WAS TALKING
ABOUT THE
SAME GIRL.

I WORK
PART TIME
WITH A
GIRL FROM
YOUR
SCHOOL,
AND SHE
TOLD ME
ALL ABOUT
YOU.



WILL
YOU
STOP
BEING
SO
JEAL-
OUS?

JUST
BECAUSE
YOU'RE
ON NERD
A BIT,
DON'T BE
SO SNUG.

...SHE'S
RIGHT,
BUT...



ARE
JEAL-
OUS
OF
YOU?

GAAH!

I CHASED
BECAUSE
I DIDN'T
WANT TO
BE PERSE-
CUTED ANY-
MORE.

I DON'T
THINK
THERE'S
ANYTHING
WRONG
WITH
THAT.



YOU'RE
STILL
A NERD!
YOU
HAVEN'T
GROWN—

YOU'RE
DE-
LOW-
ING ME!

DON'T BE
NEARBY
BOYS
USED TO
TALK TO
YOU LESS
THAN THEY
TALKED TO ME!







THANK
YOU

...

I'M
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT
IT WAS...
REALLY
STUPID
OF ME.

FLIP

SEE
?

YOUR
WAG
WAG
THAT
WAS
SO
CUTE,
HARU-
HARU.

THOUGHT
I WAS!
"DROOL-
ING
PANDA"
ALL
RIGHT?

Oh,
Panda
don't.

FLIP
?

SO, DON'T
GO TELLING
LIES ABOUT
KOROMAS
WHAT HE'S
UNDER-
NEATH.
LONGS
LIVE!

WHAT
WAS
THAT
TONGUE
YOUR
TONGUE
BIT?



AHH!
I FINALLY
FOUND
YOU!

TH-
THIS
GUY
...!!



I DIDN'T
GET
ON A
RES-
CUE
BOAT!

SHIT!
I'M
GONNA
DO
WHAT
I WANT

YOU
SQUID!
HOW
DARE
YOU!

AH-H,
YOU
GIVE
ME A
DOUGH-
NUT!



...BUT A
**PIRATE
SHIP!**



BUT
BAGHD
WOUL
BACK
OFF THIS
TIME!

I
just
saw!



SO
IS
ACTING
CHILD-
ISH.

if you're
that confident
you say so!



BLUB
BLUB

IN FACT, THE
PIRATE SHIP,
WITH THREE
OF THEM
ABOARD, IS
HEADING
TOWARD
UNWANTED
SEAS...



I CAN'T
HELP
WONDERING
WHY I WOULD
STOOD TO
CONVERSE
WITH...
A COUPLE
LINE TWENTY

Yeah...

DEAR GOD!
I REALLY
WISH
BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN
WITH AN
ONLY
PERSONALITY...

YOU CAN
CALL ME
"TAKUMA"
IF YOU
LIKE.

BY WAY OF
APOLOGY,
I WANT
YOU TO
REST BY
SOMEBODY
REALLY
PURE.

THE
GOOD
OF



ALL I'M
SORRY
ABOUT
THE
OTHER
DAY...

A
FEW
DAYS
LATER...

doubt!!



Chapter 17



IF WE ALL
JUST TRIED
A LITTLE
HARDER TO
GET ALONG,
THE WORLD
WOULD BE
SUCH A
LOVELY
PLACE...

DON'T
YOU
THINK
?



NO,
WAIT
—!

IF
YOU'RE
GOING
TO
START
PREACH-
ING, GET
LOST!



Chapter 17



Just when I started finalizing the draft, I realized I had to make some revisions, which pushed me really close to deadline and sent me into a panic. "I don't care!" I shouted. "Let someone else finish it!" How many times did I threaten to quit I wonder...? Ultimately it was my own fault of course.



I COULDN'T ALLOW HER TO INHABIT THE SAME PLANET AS ME! TO KICKER BUTT INTO OUTER SPACE!

I KNOW!

LET ME ASK YOU THIS: WHAT IF YOU WERE IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE...

...AND A GAYBOY GIRL WHO ALREADY HAD A BOY-FRIEND WAS TRYING TO STEAL YOUR LOVE AWAY. WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



WUWU-SAY WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO COLD TO ME?

IT'S TOO EARLY IN THE MORNING FOR THAT GUY! WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE!



YOU'RE SO CHAOS GIRL-FRIEND. YU-CHAN IS JUNE GET IT?

WOWRE YU-CHAN, THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO HANDLE IT!

27HR



CHAY



WHAT IF THAT WOMAN WAS YOU?

DO YOU WANT TO SEE THE GIFTING GUY?

SQUEE
FREE





HEY!

THE BRICKED BEING APPROVED!

SO LUMPY!



SAD JONGH!
SORRY,
JONGH!
HA HA...



UNSOLICITED
DECLARATIONS
OF LOVE
ARE MORE
ANNOYING
THAN
SALESMEN.
AREN'T
THEY?



...WHY AM
I FLAILING
ABOUT
LIKE
THIS...?



A CAN'T
HELP IT!
BUT SHE'S
WEARING
HERSELF
OUT...



WHEN
RELATION-
SHIPS
BECOME
COMPLI-
CATED,
A THIRD
PERSON,
HOPING TO
PLEASE
EVERYONE,
WILL PLAY
ABOUT
BLINDLY...





DO YOU HAVE A BROTHER? PLEASE? SOMEBODY!

IT'S SUMMER, I NEED A MAN!

THAT IS NOT BEING LOVED!

SHORT.

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

IT'S NOT LIKE BEING LOVED! I WISH THEY DIDN'T--

Her current boyfriend is serious and difficult.

Her boyfriend is a friend and mentor of off-brother.



YOU HAVE NOTHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT ABOUT AN AL.



THEY'RE SO CRAZY I CAN'T LAUGH. I KNOW HOW IT FEELS.



THAT'S RIGHT, YOU MEAN? I'M NOT EVEN THAT DESPERATE!

HE HIT ON MY FRIEND AND SHE TURNED HER DOWN. GOLF!

THAT'S RIGHT, YOU KNOW THAT HARDY DUDE?

ICHINOSE,
DO YOU
WAX
YOUR
BACK?



BAM







I'M NOT
EVEN THE
SAME
SPECIES AS
YOU GUYS...
JUST
FORGET
IT.







THANKS

LET ME SEE



...YOU CAN'T SAVE EVERYONE.

DON'T MAKE PROMISES YOU DON'T INTEND TO KEEP.



AL...



Comedy
style!

I'M JUST TRYING
TO GIVE
SOME
COSMETIC
ADVICE
BASED ON
MY EXPERI-
ENCE!

IT'S
NOT
LIKE
THAT

RIDE!



PEOPLE
LIKE
YOU

IT ISN'T
STRONG
PEOPLE WHO
DATE TWO
PEOPLE
AT ONCE.
IT'S WEAK
PEOPLE...
PEOPLE
WHO CAN'T
SAY NO.



YOUR EYES
OUT OF CONTROL.
PUT
SOME
PRODUCT
IN IT...



HEYWA!
YOUR EYE-
BROWS NEED
SOMEONE AS
YOU HAVE A
UNDERBOW...

And your
RESULTS...



LOOK,
YOU CAN
REMOVES
UNWANTED
HAIR USING
THIS FOAM
ONLY...

AND
THIS
IS FOR
B.O.

...AND
THERE
YOU
ARE!



TH-
THAT'S
ME...?

THE
CLASS
HAS
TURNED
INTO
A MAKE-
OVER
SHOW.

WE
HATE
IT'S
GONE!

CON-
GRATS!

TH-
THANK
YOU!

AND-
SOME!
YOU'VE
EVOLVED,
KUNAI!

OOHHH

YEAH,
AI-CHAN
HAS NO
IDEA
WHAT
PLAYS
REALLY
LIKE...

BUT...
I KNOW

SEE?
THEY'RE
ALL
HAPPY
NOW...

ALL'S
WELL
THAT
ENDS
WELL...



HEY,
AI-
CHAN!



A
FEW
DAYS
LATER

...AI-
CHAN
?!



GEEZ,
I WISH
HE'D
JUST GO
AWAY.



YOU
COULD
OFFER
TO
CARRY
THEM.

ARE
THOSE
THE
HAND-
OUTS THE
TEACHER
GAVE YOU?
THEY LOOK
PRETTY
HEAVY.



HE'S RIGHT
LOOKS
HEAVY!
HE'S
TERRIBLE
TOO
HAPPY.



UUP



WHAT
?!

YOUR
HAIR IS
SERI-
OUSLY
UNCOOL.



I KNOW
HOW IT
FEELS
TO BE
JUDGED
ON YOUR
LOOKS.
SO WHAT
I'VE HAD
LOOKS
AGONY.

But
you're
starting
you out.

Yeah?
Then
they
want
a girl.



YOU
KNOW,
A-
CHIN.

IT'S
WHAT'S
MADE
THAT
BAT-
TEND.



WHAT
AM I
THINK-
ING
...?!



RIGHT



HA HA
HA, YOU
THINK?

AN
ANYONE
SAY?

THR

R
A
T
E

YOU
SHOULD
UPDATE
IT—
PUT IN
A FEW
LAYERS.





HA
HA
HA

OH,
REALLY
HEY!
HUM!
HA!



Too serious

PFFT...

I WAS
TRYING TO
GENTLY
SUGGEST
YOU DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT THE
SHARP ARCH
IN YOUR
BROWS...



I'M GLAD
YOU FEEL
BETTER
ABOUT
YOUR
SELF, BUT
DON'T BE
OBNOXIOUS!



BOO
BOO

TEAH!
TEAH!

OH!
IT UP!
YOUR
STILL
KUNA
AFTER
ALL...



HE LOOKS
A LITTLE
BETTER
AND
THINK
HE'S
GOTT
GIFT!

TEAH,
TEAH.



CRASH



I'VE
BEEN
MADE
FUN
OF
MY
ENTIRE
LIFE...

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
FEELING
GOOD?

CAN'T
HAVE
A
LITTLE
HAPPY-
NESS
IN

WHAT A
FAMILIAR
FAMILIAR
FEELING

DOH...



O-DON'T
SAY THAT!
SO-RUN!
LET'S
JUST
TRY
TO
BE
UNDER-
STANDING...

LEAVE HIM
ALONE IF
HE THINKS
BRAGGING
ABOUT HIS
WISDOM
GIVES HIM
LICENSE
TO BE AN
ASS. HE'S
DELUSION.

WHO
CARES?





IT'S LIKE A
PET OWNER
WHO CARES
FOR AN
UGLY DOG
THAT NO
ONE ELSE
LIKES!



WHAT?!
WHERE
DID
YOU
HEAR
THAT?



SEE-
CURRY,
KUMA'S
AFRAID
OF THE
ASS

TOILET

JEET



...ABOUT
YOU
SPEAKING
UP WITH
CHONG-
KUN AND
DATING
KUMA.

WELL,
NOW
MAYBE
THERE'S
TRUTH
TO THE
RUMOR,
THEN?



WHAT?
REALLY?

HE'S
NOT
THAT
BAD.



S
L
U
M
P



WHY DOES EVERYONE HATE ME...

SOB SOB SOB

G-CHAN



...IT CAN TURN INTO A WHOPPER OF A FISH TALE!

I GIVE IT A WEEK BEFORE PEOPLE THINK YOU AND KUMA ARE BLOPPING TO ALASKA.



WHAT?! I CAN'T GO BACK TO CLASS...



IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S TROUBLE AHEAD!

HA HA



BECAUSE YOU THINK
THAT MAKES
YOU A
NICE
PERSON.

AND DON'T
TELL ME YOU
CAN'T
YOU CAN
BUT YOU WON'T...



YOU HAVE
TO TELL
RYOMA
THAT YOU
DON'T
LIKE HIM.
THAT'S ALL
THERE
IS TO IT

WELL, HE SAYS
THAT HE'S
GONNA DECLARE
HE LOVES TO
YOU AS SOON
AS YOU GET
BACK EVERY-
ONE THINGS
IT'S EASY...
THEY'RE EASY
HIM ON.

I
JUST
CAN'T
DEAL
WITH
RYOMA



BUT



EVEN
THOUGH
I FIND
RYOMA FUN
THE SOME,
I DON'T
REALLY DIS-
LIKE HIM.

I DON'T
TELL
RYOMA.



BECAUSE
OF MY
PAST, I
ALWAYS
WANT
EVERY-
ONE TO
LIKE ME.

HE'S
RIGHT...
AS
USUAL.



DO I
HAVE
TO BE
MEAN
?



BUT DOES
THAT
MEAN
I HAVE
TO BE
CRUEL?

I KNOW
THAT A
PERSON
WHO'S
ONLY
HALF-HUMAN
IS THE
WORST
KIND...



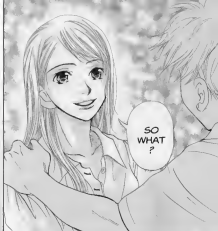
SO?

IT'S
YOUR
PROBLEM.
DO
WHAT
YOU
WANT.









Are you a Snake Strawberry?!

Question #4

When you date, do you work so hard to convey how cute you are that you don't even notice what a loser the guy is until it's too late?

Who does he think he is?



What was that about, Ser?!



NOTHING...







OF
COURSE

I WISH
WE
COULD
STAY
LIKE
THIS
FOR-
EVER.

...SHE
HAS NO
IDEA,
AND
SHE'S
NOT
PRE-
PARED

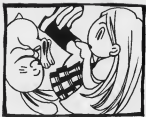
AND
SOON
ENOUGH
OUR
HEAVENS
WILL
BE
HIT
HARD.

...LIFE
ISN'T
LIKE
THAT.

doubt!!



Chapter 18





Chapter 18



It's different from my usual style, but I really like the image on the title page for this chapter. It's refreshingly simple. I did the color by hand, but I'm hoping to eventually redo it on the computer.





WE
DON'T
WANT
ANY.

AND FINALLY,
IT'S TIME TO
DISTRIBUTE
THAT
PERSONAL
CAUSE FOR
ANGLISH AND
DELIGHT...
YOUR REPORT
CARDS!



BLECH!



I
HATE
THIS
PART
—



OHAY,
FIRST
UP IS
ANNA-
RA.

NOT A
CHANCE.
I AM A
PUBLIC
EMPLOYEE,
AND I CAN
ONLY
FOLLOW
ORDERS.



ANNA-
RA.

WATO

NOH-
NOH





RIGHT
HERE.



PLEASE, STOP
YU-CHAN! RUN,
YOU DON'T
NEED TO
WORRY ABOUT
GETTING INTO
A GOOD
COLLEGE,
THAT'S FOR
SURE!

WAAAH

WELL, IF
WE WANT
TO GO TO
UNIVERSITY,
WE HAVE
TO START
PREPARED
FOR
LEAVE.

OH!
SUMMER
VACA-
TION IS
PLANNED

ALL DO
IT! I HAVE
TO GET
INTO THE
SAME
SCHOOL
YU-CHAN
DOES!
NO MATTER
WHAT IT
TAKES!





I CAN'T
THINK
ABOUT
THE
FUTURE
RIGHT
NOW.



S-SO HUP,
WHAT
ABOUT
YOU? DO
YOU KNOW
WHAT
SCHOOL
YOU WANT
TO GO?

NO



PLEASE!
TELL ME
WHICH
UNIVERSITY
YOU
PLAN
TO
ATTEND.

who
do you
think
I am?

"What?"
WELL, YOU'RE
NOT ACTING
LIKE YOURSELF.
I EXPECTED
YOU TO MESS
AROUND AND
SAY YOU
WANTED TO
GO TO THE
SCHOOLING
ON SOME
THING.



WHY?

IS
SOME-
THING
WRONG?

HEY





YEAH!
WHAT PART?
EX-PLAIN!

WHAT?
WELL...



YOU "ADMIT" HOW...?
WHAT PART OF SO
WOULD INSURE
THAT?

MAY BE...



WHAT
PART...
I CAN'T
TELL
YOU.



HEY,
YOU SAID
YOU WANTED
ME TO TELL
YOU!

OH, THE
BUT A
GOU-PON!

WE WERE
JUST
BEING
POLITE!
NOW
WE'RE
GOING
TO EAT.



LET'S
GO.

MAYBE I
SHOULD
TELL
...

THE
THE
THE
THE

QUIET...



ER...
THANKS
WE'LL GO
AND GET
FOOD
AT THE
COUNTER.

YOU'RE
WORTH
ABOUT
FIVE
TO US
WITH
TAG.

YOUR
COUP-
PON
IS FOR
FAST
FOOD.



A LOT OF
US ADMIRE
YOU, BUT
BECAUSE
YOU'RE
KIMONO
GIRLFRIEND,
WE DON'T
DARE GET
CLOSE TO
YOU.

YOU'RE
EVEN
MORE
BEAUTI-
FUL UP
CLOSE.

HA HA...
OH, NOW
YOU GO
GO ON.



YES?

BY
THE
KANA-
DEHNA

WELL...
WHAT
SHOULD
WE
TALK
ABOUT?





WHAT
A NICE
THING
TO HEAR.

KOROSHI
SENPAI HAS
BEARD,
GOOD
LOOKS, A
GOOD FAMILY,
AND HE'S
GOOD AT
FIGHTING—
CAN'T ASK
FOR BETTER
THAN THAT.

GUNS LIKE
THAT ARE
DEPRESS-
ING TO
ORDINARY
GUYS LIKE
ME.



NO—I'M
SERIOUS!
YOU'RE THE
PERFECT
COUPLE.
YOU'RE
PRACTIC-
ALLY
FAMOUS.



WHAT
ARE
YOU
TWO
TALKING
ABOUT?

REALLY?

DESHIEN,
SO RUN
WAY LOOK
PERFECT,
BUT HE DOES
HAVE A CHILD-
ISH STREAM
THAT CAN
BE TROUBLE-
SOME.

WHAT? OH,
DESHIEN.
WELL, I GET
YOU'RE
VERY
POPULAR.



NO,
DON'T!
IT'S
EVERY-
RASSING!

OH,
WE
WERE
JUST—



HA HA HA HA HA



I
GUESS
I OVER-
REACTED

...



"Kohai" is a term for someone younger or lower in social status — the opposite of "senpai."







YOU
HAVE
AN
EVL
HEART
!!

YOU'RE
HORRIBLE!
THAT'S
SO
CRUEL
OF YOU!

YEAH,
BUT...

...IF
SHE
FORGIVES
IT...



THOUGH
I'LL
TAKE
WELLAY
!

HAVE
SOME
PINE-
APPLE
GENPAU!

...MY
FRIENDS
MAY
NOT
BELIEVE
ME!

IT'S
EASIER
NOT TO
MAKE
TROUBLE.

It's the
Japanese
tradition to
remain
quiet.



HEHE

OH,
SEN-
PA!



"TAKE
IT."

YEAH



OH, IT'S
ONLY
IT'S A SPORTS
WATCH-
WATER-
RESISTANT



OH,
RIGHT...
IT'S A GUY
IT'S A MAN'S
WATCH, HUH?

BETTER
NOT
GET
YOUR
WATCH
WET!



WHA, NO!
NO, YOU
CAN'T!
NOT THIS!



GROW!
I WANT ONE
I CAN WEAR
ON THE
SOCCER
FIELD!
PLEASE!

CAN
I
HAVE
IT?
?



HUH
-?





Are you a Snake Strawberry?!

Question #5

Even if you're
only a 5
(out of 10),
would you be
willing to
date a man
who's also a 5?



How did you do?
If you recognized
yourself in the last
question, congratulations!
You qualify for
membership in the
"Snake Strawberry
Club" along with
Izumi and her friends!
Line up hope of ever
becoming a Strawberry-
ling, and proudly live as
a woman who will be
over-eaten by men.





AL
STOP
MAKING
THAT
GRIMPY
FACE...

NOW
SO'S
BEING
GOLD
TO
ME



HE'S
MAKING
ME
LOOK
LIKE THE
BAD
GUY!

NOPE

I THINK
SHE'S
AHEAD
OF ME...

G
A
H!!



WHAT'S
HE
AFTER

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?



NO
"BUT!"
HE'S
CUTE

THAT'S
ALL
THAT
MAT-
TERS?



AWW,
CAN'T
YOU
JUST
TRY TO
BE NICE
TO HIM?
HE'S SO
CUTE...

YEAH,
HE'S
CUTE,
BUT—

FINA,
SPEAK
ING OF
MURDER-
KILL...

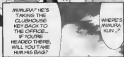




UH,
ARE YOU
ON THE
Soccer
TEAM?

IT'D
BETTER
TALK TO
MURURA
DIRECTLY!!

OH NO,
I'm
NOT!!



MURURA? HE'S
TAKING THE
CLUBHOUSE
KEY BACK TO
THE OFFICE...
IF YOU'RE
HEADED THERE,
WILL YOU TAKE
HIS BAG?

WHERE'S
MURURA
GOIN'?



YEAH, JUST LIKE
WE PLANNED.
I'LL TALK TO YOU
LATER. DON'T
FORGET -
YOU'RE GONNA
OWE ME FOR
THIS.



WHY
SHOULD
I?



MIMURA-KUN !!



AKIHI



BUT NOT WHAT YOU SAID

YOU OWE ME TWICE THE PRICE OF THE WATCH PLUS 7% INTEREST. MAYBE...



WHY IS THIS WATCH IN YOUR BAG? FESS UP!!



JIB



LIAR! SO-KUN WOULD NEVER SAY THAT!!

ICHIMOSE-SANPAI TOLD ME I BETTER FIND IT NO MATTER WHAT... AND TODAY, I FINALLY—



WHOA! SLOW DOWN —



I CAN
SEE
RIGHT
THROUGH
YOU.

BECAUSE
OF WHO
I WAS
BEFORE,
I'M VERY
FAMILIAR
WITH TWO-
FACED
GUYS...

BE-
SICKS



NO!
YOU'RE
NOT
FOOL-
ING
ME--

BOOM
POW
CRASH

UH,
HOLD
THAT
THOUGHT!
I HAVE
A CALL

UH

BIP

BIP

BIP



ARE
YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO
CAN'T
KEEP HER
PANTIES
ON.



...NOW, TO KEEP
THIS OFF THE
INTERNET, YOU
HAVE TO BREAK
UP WITH SO
ICHIHINOSE.



I HATE
TO BE
REAL,
BUT I'VE
BEEN
ASKED
TO RUSH
THIS
ALONG...



WHAT?

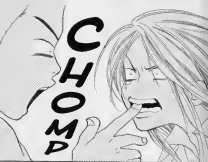
WILL
YOU?

SO



SO







...BUT THIS
ISN'T OVER!
I'LL GET
REVENGE.
I'LL MAKE
YOU CRY!

YOU
WIN
FOR
NOW
—



DASH

HEY!
WHERE
YOU
GOMG?

MY
FIN-
DER
OUCH!



CAN
WE
TALK
SENPAI?

HERE'S
MY
CHANCE
TO
FINISH
THE
JOB.

WHAT
KIND
OF
PICTURE
COULD
I
HAVE
GOTTEN
WITH
A
CELL
PHONE
AND
NO
FLASH?

Siden-

NOT
OBL.
I
WAS
BLUFF-
ING,
BUT
I
GUESS
IT
WORKED.



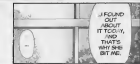
YOU
OKAY
NOW?

MURDER
OFFICE

YEAH,
THANKS
TO
YOU.



MAEKAWA
SENPAI'S
DATING
KATO
SENPAI
ON THE
SLY.



I FOUND
OUT
ABOUT
IT TODAY,
AND
THAT'S
WHY SHE
BIT ME.



EVERYBODY
KNOWS
KATO SEN-
PAI'S IN
LOVE WITH
MAEKAWA
SENPAI, SO
I THOUGHT
IT WAS
JUST A
RUMOR,
BUT...

I HATE
TO SAY IT,
BUT IT'S
TRUE.



I SEE. I'M
NOT SURE
HOW I
SHOULD
REACT TO
THAT DECISION.



I'M
SORRY.
I JUST
COULDN'T
LET IT
GO ON,
'CAUSE
I'M A
HUGE
FAN OF
YOURS.



TO KILL
ANYONE
WHO LIED
TO ME
LIKE
THAT!

OH
TEEN



...SO I
GUESS
YOU
WANT
TO DIE!



I GUESS
I SHOULD
LOOK
FOR
HER...



CLATCH



I DON'T
LIKE YOU.
YOU
SMELL
LIKE A
RAT.

HOW DID
YOU MAN-
AGE TO
FOOL ME,
WHILE I
COULD SEE
THROUGH
YOUR
LIES..?





...IT
MANAGED
TO
SHAKE
UP SO
AFTER
ALL...



IT
CAN'T
BE...



"...DATING
KATO
SEMPAI
ON THE
SLX."

MORE
DETAILS ON
THIS HOLLY-
WOOD-FOOT
SUMMIT
WILL BE
REVEALED
IN THE NEXT
CHAPTER!

CLANG

IF IT IS,
THEN
THERE'S NO
REASON
FOR ME
TO STAY
IN TOKYO
ANYMORE...

DO NOT CROSS

TO BE CONTINUED IN
DOUBT!! VOLUME 5!



BONUS STORY!
MYSTERIES OF MEN

Note: This early manga is very roughly drawn. Please read it with an uncritical mind!



A FRENCH
ACTRESS
PLAYED
AN
ANGEL...

...AND I
REMEMBER
THINKING I
WOULDN'T
MIND DYING
IF I COULD
MEET AN
ANGEL LIKE
HER.





APPARENTLY, MOST OF THE STUDENTS AT THE CONSERVATORY ARE WOMEN, SO EVEN A PATHETIC GUY HAS A PRETTY GOOD CHANCE

IT'S
TRUE
IT'S
LIKE A
SCORP
FROM
HELL

MY
COUSIN
WHO
GOES TO
A MUSIC
CONSER-
VATORY
TOLD ME
A GREAT
SECRET



—WELL, NATURALLY, HE WAS STILL A VIRGIN— BUT HIS GIRLFRIEND WASN'T.

50
FAP 50
6000
RMT

WILEY

THE
STORY
OF



WHEN HE
HAD SEEN
THE FIRST
TIME WITH
HER, HE
PUNCHED



FINALLY,
HE
COULDN'T
BEAR
IT ANY
LONGER.







she finally answered a question!

THERE WAS THIS GIRL BACK IN JUNIOR HIGH. APPARENTLY, SHE LIKED ME.

QUIET DOESN'T MEANS-
SARLY MEAN GLOOMY.

I DON'T MEAN
JUST QUIET...

BUT GLOOMY
GIRLS ARE NO
GOOD, EITHER.

THAT'S
WHY
I HATE
CHATTY
WOMEN.



Though she never spoke to him
in person, she included him in
and kept up with her work.

Wait! some
type drawing

Here's today's sketch. I hope
a better one of her I guess.
Keep trying to improve my
couldn't ask for a better subject to

...AND
EVERYDAY
SHE LEFT
A LETTER
AND A
DRAWING
IN MY
LOCKER.



SO, I GET
YOU DON'T
HAVE
ISSUES
WITH ANY
KIND OF
WOMAN.

THAT'S
NOT TRUE.
I DON'T LIKE
WOMEN
WHO
MEET UP
GLOOMY.

That
kind of
thing

FREAKY
!!

IN THE LAST
DRAWING
SHE SENT ME,
I WAS
NAKED AND
CHAINED UP.
IT WAS IN
FULL COLOR,
TOO.





ONE OF MY EX-
GIRL-
FRIENDS
USED TO
WEAVE IT,
AND--



YOU KNOW,
THE STUFF
THAT GIVES
GIRLS SHINY
LIPS LIKE
THEY JUST
ATE FRIED
CHICKEN...?

WHAT'S
"UP
CLOSE?"

IT
LOOKS
SHINY,
BUT
IF YOU
TOUCH
IT, IT'S
STICKY.



...BE-
CAME
A FLY
TRAP
?!



HER
LIPS
...

Mystique of Mar -- The End



I
THOUGHT
SO...

LENN

THESE
ARE
ALL
TRUE
STORIES,
AREN'T
THEY?



OF
COURSE
NOT.

AAAA

I
COULDN'T
RESIST
MYSELF
TO KISS
HER.

CREATURE BANZAI!

WHEN AN
OR, INQUIRY
THROW HIS
PEECES AT ME
ONCE, NIGHT
SLEEPING IT
PREPARED
EVERYBODY
OUT.

EVERY-
ONE, INCLUDE
MYSELF, KNOWING
THAT
I LOVE
ANIMALS.

HELLO,
EVERY-
ONE!
I'M
ELUNE.



QPPA...



HE
BELONGS
TO H-SAN
AND HIS
NAME IS
KORO
(NOT HIS
REAL
NAME!!)

BUT
THERE IS
ONE
SPECIAL
SOMEBODY
WHO SHOCK
MY CON-
FIDENCE
IN MYSELF
AS AN
ANIMAL
LOVER.



IT WAS A
QUIET NIGHT.
I WAS ON MY
WAY BACK
TO MY
APARTMENT
AND I WAS
FEELING
FINE.

La
La
La



MY
STILLBORN
WITH HER
GOES
BACK
ONCE
A YEAR.



AS
SOON
AS I
HEAR
DOGGY

I IMMEDIATELY
THOUGHT
MY
HEART
WOULD
EXPLODE



BLURST

RUFF
RUFF
RUFF
RUFF!



GET
ANGRY
AT
MY
PORE
THREATS
AND
LIVE
LIKE
A
THIEF
WHEN
I
DON'T
DO
ANY
THING!

GET
ANGRY
AT
MY
PORE
THREATS
AND
LIVE
LIKE
A
THIEF
WHEN
I
DON'T
DO
ANY
THING!

SEE THE
SMALL
SMILE
ON MY
FACE

and
GOT
ANGRY!



...WHEN I
WALKED
BY WITH
THAT
ATTITUDE,
HE
WOULDN'T
BARK

HEY,
COME
AND
GET
ME!

OR
RELAX
NOW!

IT'S
STANGE
BUT...

IT
WAS
MY
FAULT
FOR
BEING
OFF
GUARD

WELL,
HE IS A
GUARD
DOG
AFTER
ALL. IT
COULD BE
SAID THAT
HE WAS
JUST
DOING HIS
DUTY

What kind of dog
charges when the
bell is rung?

**BOW
WOW
WOW
!!**

BURP



WHOA



AFTER A WHILE OF WALKING BY EVERY DAY, HE STARTED SNIFFING IT AND...

MAYBE HE RECOGNIZES MY SPELL NOW.



EVENTUALLY I FORGOT THAT AROD EVEN EXISTED, AND THEN...

CLIPPING AND PUNCHING A RUN FOR IT BECAME MY ROUTINE.



OUT THERE IN THE 21ST CENTURY, THE NEW TOYOTA SPACED OUT AND BE ENVELOPED FAST, THE TOPMOST HARDEN THAT TRAINING TO LIVE LEARN NOW.



CLEARLY, HE POUNCES AS SOON AS I RELAX HE'S LIKE A MONK WHO TEACHES MARTIAL ARTS!

YOU LEFT YOURSELF OPEN TO ATTACK



